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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket 4979 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
2020 Energy Efficiency Program Plan
Revised Tables E-1 and G-1**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of National Grid,¹ I have enclosed eleven copies of the Company's revised Table E-1 (Bates page 466) and Table G-1 (Bates page 480), which are included in Attachments 5 and 6 of National Grid's 2020 Energy Efficiency Program Plan (Plan). In Section 9(a) of the Plan on Bates page 154, the Company noted that it would submit revised Tables E-1 and G-1 on December 2, 2019 to reflect the most current fund balance projections in advance of the Plan hearing on December 9, 2019.

The revised tables include a projected fund balance that includes actual revenues and expenses through October 2019 and projections for November and December 2019. The tables also include revised electric and natural gas Energy Efficiency Program Charges that result from the changes to fund balance. The Company's description of the changes to Tables E-1 and G-1 is included below.

The Company has also included a description of errors in the classification of demonstrations and assessments in the Plan, which results in a \$5,000 decrease in the projected electric budget in table E-1 and a \$5,500 decrease in the projected budget in table G-1.

I. Electric – Table E-1

The updated projected Year-End 2018 Electric Fund Balance decreased by \$474,527. This change is driven primarily by the fact that the Company received less actual revenue in September and October than originally projected. The decrease in the fund balance results in a slight increase of less than 1% in the proposed 2020 Electric Energy Efficiency Program Charge. Specifically, the proposed charge has increased from \$0.01298 per kWh to \$0.01304 per kWh.

II. Gas – Table G-1

The following changes are reflected in the enclosed updated Table G-1: the updated projected Year-End 2019 Natural Gas Fund Balance increased by \$8,290; the Year-End 2019

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Residential Gas Fund Balance increasing by \$125,231; and the Year End 2019 Commercial and Industrial Gas Fund Balance decreasing by \$116,941. This results in a net increase of \$8,290. This change is driven primarily by the following factors: the Company received more actual revenue in September and October than originally projected for Residential customers; and the Company received less actual revenue in September and October than originally projected for Commercial and Industrial customers. The decrease in the fund balance results in a slight decrease in the proposed 2020 Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Residential Program Charge of less than 1% and a slight increase in the proposed Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Commercial & Industrial Program Charge of less than 1%. The Residential charge has decreased from \$1.017 per Dth to \$1.011 per Dth. The Commercial and Industrial (C&I) charge has increased from \$0.772 per Dth to \$0.777 per Dth.

III. Demonstrations and Assessments Classification Errors

The innovation demonstrations for gas and electric, as referenced on Table 2 and 3, Bates pages 515 and 516, have been reclassified as “Assessments” because the savings from these efforts are unknown and will not be claimed towards the Company’s 2020 savings targets. In addition, the Company does not earn a performance incentive for assessments. As a result of this reclassification, the total projected electric budget and gas budget in Table E-1 and G-1 have each decreased by \$5,000. Relating to this reclassification, the Company has removed the Home Energy Score Evaluation budget (classified as an assessment and referenced on Table 5, Bates page 517) from the spending budget eligible for earning a performance incentive. This correction decreased the total projected gas budget in table G-1 by an additional \$500.

These decreases in the electric and gas budgets do not change the proposed 2020 electric and gas energy efficiency charges due to the relatively small impact on the overall budgets.

Corrections to the 2020 Energy Efficiency Plan Attachment 5, 6, and 8 tables will be filed prior to the 2020 Energy Efficiency Plan hearing date to reflect the Demonstrations and Assessments Classification errors.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-907-2121.

Sincerely,




Raquel J. Webster

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I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and any materials accompanying this certificate was electronically transmitted to the individuals listed below.

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